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KEYS OF THE PRIESTHOOD.

A Revelation of Jesus Christ, giving an explanation of those one hundred and forty four thousand, whom John saw, standing with Jesus upon Mount Zion.

- 1 Who are they? They are the firstborn Sons, of one hundred and forty four thousand Gods, all in advance of Jesus Christ, John said, that they were the firstfruits unto God. Unto what God? Unto each of their own Fathers. How did they become the firstfruits unto the Lamb also? In that they were appointed by his Father, to assist him in bringing to pass the salvation, and exaltation of Adams posterity, — and consequently, they recieved his mark in their foreheads, as a token of the appointment, that they recieved from him. Why did they come forth upon this earth, to assist Jesus in bringing to pass, the salvation, and exaltation of Adams posterity? In order that they might continue to pass on, from one stage of progression to another, and ultimately, become Gods like unto the eternal Father.
- 2 How many progressive estates did the Eternal Father pass through, before he became a God? Ten. What were they? His FIRST was a spiritual estate, — his SECOND, a probation in the flesh, — his THIRD, a resurrected, or celestial estate. In the FOURTH estate, he went forth upon a

mortal earth, — recieved a body, — died upon a cross, — and was raised again from the dead. In his **FIFTH** estate, he sat at the right Hand of his Father, and was a Mediator, — and contended against, and conquered, death, hell, and the grave. In his **SIXTH** estate, he took mortal bodies, upon many mortal earths, and officiated in the office of a High Priest, a Prophet, and a President.

- 3** His mission to each of the last five of those earths, was to preside over a dispensation of a thousand years on each earth, — on the first of the five, he presided over the first thousand years, — on the second, of the five, over the second thousand years, — and so on unto, and including the fifth. In his **SEVENTH** estate, he was a Prophet, and held the keys of the sixth dispensation.

In his **EIGHTH** estate, he was a Prophet, Redeemer, Lawgiver, and President of a seventh dispensation, — holding the full keys of the holy Priesthood.

In his **NINTH** estate, he went forth upon his own earth, to commence mortality, — and having completed his mission, he died. He afterwards returned to his own earth, and commenced the resurrection of

his own posterity, and after its last great change, he ascended his throne, — and this was his TENTH estate.

- 4 Who is Lucifer? He is the second born son of God the Eternal Father. What was the cause of his fall? He sought to take away the birthright from Jesus Christ, and to break the connecting link of the holy Priesthood; If he had been permitted, to come forth upon this earth, to redeem Adams posterity, he would have brought them under him, and contrary to Eternal Order, he would have continued to hold them in subjection. — Whereas Jesus being a first born Son, he was under a covenant, by which he was bound to deliver up to the Father, all the keys of authority, pertaining to this earth, after all things should be made subject unto him, — to which covenant Lucifer was not subject.

- 5 Did Lucifer come forth into a second estate, and receive a body? Yes, — and those who fell with him received bodies also; and many of them came into the Church, — received their ordinations to the Holy Priesthood, — and also their endowments.

Why were Lucifer and his band permitted to come forth into a second estate, and receive bodies?

In Order that they might come into the Church of Christ,— receive their ordinations to the two Priesthoods, and thereby obtain their outfit; for they never had an ordination to any authority, in their first estate. — They were then conquered, cast out of the Church, and their bodies destroyed by Michael, who was at that time a seventh Angel, — which was their first death.

- 6 Lucifer then became in the spirit, the reigning devil to this earth. How long will he reign? Until this earth is perfect, when he and his band will be cast into a lake of fire and brimstone, which will be their second death.
- 7 Every world has its devil, whose history is similar to that of Lucifers.
- 8 Do devils try spirits in their first estate? No, they do not. The first born son rules in that estate, and the devils are subject to him. But there is an Eternal Law of the Gods, according to which, the devil, being the second born son, claims the right to lead off in the second estate. His father enters into a covenant with him, when he falls, which is this, — " Now my second born son, seeing that you have revolted from under my government, and have set up a government of your own,

in opposition to mine, — as my first^{born} Son rules in the first estate; so you shall lead off in the second estate. And it shall come to pass that, if you conquer me and my Prophets, you shall hold the world in your grasp, — and I will loose all. But if I conquer you, you shall endure both the first and second deaths. "

9 Who is George A. Smith? The second born son of Adam. Is he a fallen Angel? Yes. When did he first fall? In his first estate. Did any others fall with him? Yes, a large train, in like manner as they fell, who fell with Lucifer that was before him.

10 Is Geo, A, Smith a true Apostel? No, for he was never ordained, either to that or any other office, by any of the Gods of eternity. In what sense then is he an Apostel? In the same sense that Judas was, of whom Jesus said — " I have chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil. " And as such, he has gone forth, teaching the saints, until he has led them to the verge of destruction.

11 What are those hundred forty, and four thousand, spoken of by John the Revelator? They are all High Priests, after the order of Melchisedec — all having obtained a resurrected body. Why were they called

to officiate in the lesser offices of the Priesthood? Because it was not known who they were, while the Church was under an imperfect organization, hence they officiated in all the lesser offices of the Church, for the work of the ministry.

- 12 The Holy Priesthood runs by birthright, -- and the first born son allways holds the keys of that Priesthood. Has the first born son the privilege of becoming a God? Yes. Have any others the same privilege? Yes. When the first born son steps out of his place to become a God, the next to him, steps into that place, and holds the keys of the Holy Priesthood, -- and so this order continues, from one to another, until they all hold the keys of the Priesthood.

- 13 When did Jesus Christ recieve his first ordination, to the office of a High Priest? Soon after he and his brethren had recieved their resurrected bodies. His own Father ordained him to that authority, and holding the holy Priesthood, they were appointed to fill the office of Holy Ghosts. -- or ministering angels to those of this earth, who are heirs of salvation, -- being filled with eternal light.

- 14 Where, and by whom did Abel receive his ordination to the lesser Priesthood? In the Garden of Eden [so CALLED], under the hands of his Father Adam. By whom do the younger sons of Adam, receive their ordination to the lesser Priesthood? By Abel.
- 15 By whom did the fallen angels receive their ordinations to the Priesthood, as pertaining to this earth? By Cain, and Cain by Lucifer. Cain claims the right to enter into the Church, and blind the eyes of all the servants of the Lord, until he has obtained his outfit — he then becomes a reigning devil.
- 16 By whom did the Holy Priesthood come to this earth? By Seth, who received an ordination from Adam, and whose seed are the chosen of the Lord. He claims the ruling power over this planet, having all things placed under his feet.
- 17 Who was that Elijah (or Elias), that accompanied Moses when he appeared unto Jesus upon “ the mount,” and ordained him to the Holy Priesthood? It was Enos, the first born son of Seth. Why did Jesus Christ, when he was upon the earth, receive an ordination by

Moses to the Holy Priesthood ? Because Moses held the full keys of that Priesthood, as pertaining to this earth, — and when Jesus came forth under his presedency, he had to recieve an ordination from him. Had Jesus any power to interfere with the law of Moses ? No, he had not. — He came, not to destroy the law; but to fullfill it, and by fullfilling it, he put an end to the ceremonial portion thereof only.

- 13 What are **Holy Ghosts** ? They are men, who have once lived upon a mortal earth, like unto this. Upon what principle did they, being many, become one ? Upon the same principle, as that, by which, the Father and the son became one. They all obeyed one gospel — were all perfected by the same law — were all counted worthy of a glorious resurrection — they all entered into the celestial kingdom, of their Father; by whom they were all ordained to the High and Holy Priesthood — Through whom, and by whom, they are appointed to fill the Office of **Holy Ghosts**, and to be ministering spirits, to the heirs of salvation upon this earth.

19 Why were the High Priests after the order of Melchisedec, commanded to lay their hands upon the members of the Church of Christ, in order to confer upon them, the gift of the Holy Ghost? Because High Priests are first born sons, holding the keys of the Holy Priesthood, in all those celestial worlds, from which they came — and by virtue of their birthright, they claim the authority, to command the Holy Ghosts, being their superiors.

20 Are they all High Priests by birthright, who are now holding that office in my Church? No, they are not. What are they? Some of them are fallen angels, — others are the sons Aaron, and but few of them are High Priests by birthright. — Hence, when they lay their hands upon the saints, in order to confer upon them, the Gift of the Holy Ghost, they confer upon them a false spirit instead thereof; for they can only give to others that, which they themselves possess, — and being deceived themselves, they deceive all those to whom they administer.

- 21 Why are Aaron and his seed called to hold the lesser priesthood only? Because they have not yet been resurrected, and their calling is to administer in temporal things; therefore, when they act in the offices of the High Priesthood, they deceive; for the Holy Ghosts are not subject to them.
- 22 It is contrary to the eternal law of heaven, for the lesser, to rule the greater, and in consequence of the violation of this law, vast numbers of false spirits, have been introduced into the Church.
- 23 According to the Eternal law, one hundred and forty four thousand Gods, form a quorum. The first God of a quorum, assisted by the two next below him, who are his counsellors, rules all the rest of his quorum, and he is subject to the God immediately preceding him — and so on, even up to the first God of all, who rules and presides over all the quorums of the Gods.
- 24 What rod was that, which Moses used? It was one of a series of rods, which came forth from the God of all, which rods he signed with his own signature, and swore also, to sustain those men who should be called to use

them. These rods are handed down from one God to another, and one of them is held by the presiding God of each quorum, during his reign. There are many quorums, and to each quorum is connected an earth in mortality. A presiding God rules for the space of seven thousand years, and his Son, who is a seventh angel, rules at the same time upon the mortal earth, belonging to that quorum, over which his Father presides, and while filling that mission, he claims the right to use his Fathers rod. Hence, Moses, being a seventh angel, used his Fathers rod, and none other could use it, unless appointed by him.

25 Upon what principle does the Lord know all things, even from the beginning to the end? He knows the principles by which all worlds that have been, were organized, governed, saved, and exalted; and he also knows that all worlds to come, must be organized, governed, saved, and exalted, upon the same principle, — therefore the Lord knows all things.

26 And now I say unto you — Oh ye saints, lift up your heads, and rejoice! For I the Lord have raised up unto you a mighty Prophet, who shall deliver you

out of the hands of your enemies, and lead you triumphantly over them all. He is a man after mine own heart, and in his mouth, I have found no guile. I have tried him, as I have never before tried man upon the earth, and he has never flinched from his integrity. I have given unto him, the keys of my Kingdom, and whatsoever he shall bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven—Whatsoever sins he shall remit, I will remit them; and Whatsoever sins he shall retain, I will retain them. I am he whose words are quick, and powerful, sharper than a twoedged sword. Even JESUS CHRIST.

Evens o, Amen and Amen.

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Before we criticise, would it not be for our own good to give this our most earnest and solemn consideration. May the great and noble spirit of progression, arouse our ambition and lead us in truth and righteousness, thereby securing our present and future happiness.

What conclusion will we come to, by comparing this book with 1 John, 3, 2, or Rev. 14, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

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